

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Hifumi YASUMATSU et al.

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Examiner Marc A. Patterson

RUBBER HOSE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURE THEREOF

RESPONSE

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement contained in the Office Action mailed October 17, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-13 and 17-31, drawn to a rubber hose.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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